

HOUSE BILL 1215

By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1,  
relative to the operation of golf carts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-191, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (c) as subsection (d) and by adding a new subsection (c), as follows:

(c) A golf cart as defined in Section 55-1-123 may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) or less. This subsection (c) does not prohibit a golf cart from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph).

(1) The provisions of this subsection (c) shall apply only if the governing body of a county or municipality determines that golf carts may be operated on roads under its jurisdiction.

(2) The department of transportation may prohibit the operation of golf carts on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(3) A golf cart operated on streets pursuant to this subsection (c) shall have the following equipment:

(A) Headlamps;

(B) Tail lamps, stop lights, reflectors, and an emblem or placard  
for slow moving vehicles;

(C) A mirror; and

(D) Brakes.

(4) A golf cart shall be operated pursuant to this subsection (c) only during daylight with the headlight illuminated.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.